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PROFESSOR WILLIAM J MAXWELL  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET  
URBANA, IL 61801

Subject: SCHUYLER, GEORGE S

FOIPA No. 1058930- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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181 page(s) were reviewed and 169 page(s) are being released.

☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- ☒ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

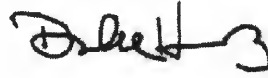
☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish or number "3".

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
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- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
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- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



The withholding of the information by the FBI constitutes a partial denial of your request and you have the right to appeal this decision. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be sent to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20530-0001 within 60 days from the receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal". Please cite FBI FOI/PA #1058930-000 assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Fees for processing this request are waived.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI (FOI/PA #1058930-000).

If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact this office at (301) 677-4060. Please refer to case #135F-07.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan J. Butterfield".

Susan J. Butterfield  
Director  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Office  
Investigative Records Repository

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for  
your information and such action as you consider advisable.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Gandy.....
Files.....

*Raymond E. Lee*  
RAYMOND E. LEE, TCM  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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**WAR DEPARTMENT  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION**

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File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date February 15, 1942  
Subject: GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

Investigation requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of origin G-2, 5th C. A., Columbus, Ohio.  
Report made at Columbus, Ohio  
Report made by Key L. Gillespie, Special Agent, M.I.D.  
Period covered February 8, 1942  
Character of investigation Disaffection.

Status of Case Closed.**SUMMARY:**

**COMPLAINT:** George S. Schuyler, Columnist for the Pittsburg Courier, who spoke at Second Baptist Church on Sunday, February 8, 1942 under the sponsorship of the Vanguard League. Subject is said to be the most radical and widely read negro writer in the country. He has carried on a constant attack against the Army and Navy policies relative to Negroes and has been a contributing factor to the present low morale of same. Subject lives in New York City and is married to a white woman. Daughter of subject is a musical genius and is well known throughout the country.

**FACTS ESTABLISHED PERTAINING TO COMPLAINT:** This agent attended the Vanguard meeting on February 8, 1942 and observed that the program was opened with the singing of the Negro National Anthem. After a few unimportant remarks by other speakers, Mr. Schuyler was introduced by [ ] former Vice-president of the league.

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Mr. Schuyler's subject was "Propaganda and Its Effects". With a total disregard for the truth of his statements, subject went on to elaborate on the various types of propaganda and the psychological effect that it has on the masses of people. His speech was filled with brilliant metaphors and he called attention to the various types of racial discrimination practiced against the Negro. Subject attacked the Army and Navy policies; gave his version of the Pearl Harbor incident in which he said that the surprise had been due to the fact that the American white man did not think that Japan would dare attack them; and went on to say that the time was near when the people would not be able to get the truth about the war situation because of censorship. Subject also said that in all countries except in the United States the students are a revolutionary group.

Recommendations and Comment:

(continued on next page.)

This agent has kept a very close check on the writings of George Schuyler and found most of it to be of a radical nature. His novel "Black No More" (published by Scribners in 1929) dealt with miscegenation. It is significant.

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FACTS ESTABLISHED PERTAINING TO COMPLAINT: (CONTINUED)

After the speech Mr. Schuyler conducted an open discussion from the platform. Subject was well informed and had a ready answer for the questions that were asked him. One question in particular showed subject's attitude. A woman asked him if he thought the Negroes would be treated better if the Japanese won the war. Subject stated that he had been in Japan and while there had been well treated. He said satirically that it was quite possible that if Japan should win, that they would keep in force the same customs of lynching, segregation and the denial of political rights that are now being practiced in Mississippi and other Southern states. In answer to another question, he stated that the United States had contributed to the present war with Japan by its policy of encirclement.

After the meeting this agent had dinner with Mr. Schuyler. During this time subject revealed that F. B. I. Agents had been in the Pittsburg Courier office a number of times and had hinted suggestions; that policy of said paper had been editorially set by him over a period of years; that and not had the final say as to present policy; that when pressure was put on the Negro papers that they would have to fall in line; that the only form of censorship on the Press had been a voluntary one; that many soldiers had written him about Southern Camps.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENT: (CONTINUED)

cant that editorial comment is made by the publishers of the Pittsburg Courier at the top of his column. (Exhibit A). What is the most dangerous thing about subject's writing is that so many people believe it to be factual. Subject is the most widely read Negro newspaperman in the country and his articles influence the thinking of many Negro leaders. Subject has been one of the most outspoken critics on Army and Navy policy relative to Negroes. It is the opinion of this agent that subject is the most dangerous Negro in the country today and that if he is permitted to continue his attacks on the present war efforts he may agitate a rebellion among Negro soldiers stationed in the South.

Attached hereto are articles and the program:

- a. "Views and Reviews" by George S. Schuyler. - - - - - EXHIBIT A
- b. "The World Today" by George S. Schuyler. - - - - - EXHIBIT B
- c. The Vanguard League program and a circular. - - - - - EXHIBIT C

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EXHIBIT A

"VIEWS AND REVIEWS"  
By George S. Schuyler

(This column represents the personal opinion of Mr. Schuyler and in no way reflects the editorial opinion of the Pittsburgh Courier.—The Editor)

With sadness and weary resignation I note that many supposedly intelligent Negroes are swallowing hook, line and sinker the same bush-wah at which their fathers snapped during World War No. 1, to wit: that once victory is achieved, the colored brethren as a reward for their patriotic efforts and sacrifices will be promptly invested with all the rights and privileges of citizenship now denied them wherever "Homo Nordicus" rules. To be sure neither Dr. Roosevelt, Dr. Churchill, Queen Wilhelmina, the escaped Belgian politicians who rule the Congo, Dictator Franco, Dictator Salazar, Dictator Petain nor stooge Degaulle has said anything that might lead the most gullible Senegambian to harbor such an illusion. The Atlantic Charter while bristling with mouth-filling platitudes is as indefinite as a German Army communique from the Moscow front. Nor from either Herr Hitler, Signor Mussolini or Premier Tojo has come any promises that Mose's place will be other than on the bottom where he now resides amid blood, sweat and tears.

If those who guide the destinies of millions of captive Africa have given no assurance of equality for all, once the menace of Brown Bolshevism is ended, how is it that our sable eminentissimos can speak with such certainty? As during the last global struggle for the right to exploit the unarmed colored folk of the world, one gets this inference from the speaking and writing Higher Mendicancy and job-holding unintelligentsia. They are trying to bolster our morale with bush-wah. The burden of their gabble is that while, of course, we have no more rights than a Jew in Potsdam or a kulak in Russia, we are the best-treated black serfs on earth; and once "democracy" loses, we shall become total slaves, unable to vote in Wiggins, Miss; or to enter a movie theater in Johannesburg, South Africa; or to purchase land in Nairobi, Kenya; or to be a union electrician in Los Angeles; or to engage rooms at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.; or to marry a blonde in Danville, Va., or to bask in a public park in Mobile, Ala.

It is not surprising that many so-called educated Negroes of the thousandaire class are avidly absorbing this brannigan. Education everywhere being an instrument of the ruling class designed to condition the mass mind to acquiescence in, acceptance of and sacrifice for the status quo, it follows that those longest and most intensively subjected to the educative process are more ready to uncritically accept the bologna offered them. I find today many of our supposedly educated folk spouting the most amazing nonsense, some of it almost as foolish as the maunderings of Dean Pickens, A. Philip Randolph and the more vocal members of the New Deal Kitchen Cabinet in Washington.

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On the other hand, Old Uncle Mose vegetating in Bumgut Alley is by comparison a sapient fellow. When white-collared phonographs occasionally come into his neighborhood spouting the white folks' propaganda he relieves himself of a silent and cynical chuckle. He may not be wise to the number of Negro Farmers having pellegra in Shotgun, Ark., or aware of the incidence of tuberculosis among the colored denizens of the alleys of our national capital, or the changes through the centuries of the meaning of the verb Ughum in the Polynesian languages. But he does know that the Crackers are not going to get off his back, voluntarily, ever.

It is this curbstone wisdom that endears me to the sable herd. Although poor, ill-housed, bulldozed by the local Gestapo, jammed into jail on the slightest pretext, rachitic, exploited, numb-brained, and unlettered, they entertain no illusions about their destiny under the Caucasian dictatorship. They believed in Santa Claus once, immediately after emancipation from chattel slavery, and suffered a grand disillusionment. They have been sceptical ever since, and nothing in their experience has tended to shake their cynicism. They know that their white folks have no intention of accepting them as brothers and sisters, friends and comrades on an equal basis, so all the blahblah about democracy, freedom and national unity leaves them as cold as a streetwalker on South Parkway.

Of course it may be that the black masses's scepticism is unwarranted and that the phonograph Negroes are correct. Maybe peace will see an end to the discrimination and insults Negroes suffer under the Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Tri-color, the banner of Savoy, etc. I hope so. But when I see a great nation like the United States engaged in a struggle for its life and still determined to continue and even expand the racial distinctions forced upon the whole nation by the fanatically Negrophobic South, I am doubtful, to put it mildly. And unless some changes are made pretty soon in the direction of real improvement, the disinterest of the black masses in the outcome of the current fight for democracy is going to become tremendous.

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"THE WORLD TODAY"

by

George S. Schuyler

February 7, 1942

The Windy City is excited over Earl Dickerson's fight for the choice Chicago Congressional seat which has virtually been occupied for several years. He looms above the present incumbent like Diamond Head over Waikiki Beach. No Uncle Tom, he would be a brilliant, fighting Congressman, adding needed lustre to that far-from-brilliant body. Not since the days of the militant DePriest has Negro Chicago been adequately represented in Congress.

SEGREGATION has now been extended to blood banks. While Negro blood will be accepted by the Red Cross, the Army's Surgeon General Megee insists that it be kept separate and given only to those asking for it. The Navy, traditionally less liberal on things Negro, will not insist on blood segregation, it says, although it still segregates Negroes themselves in mess service. The Red Cross incidentally, is seeking funds from Negroes.

This blood business would have delighted those old cynics and satirists—Moliere, Rabelais, Voltaire, Dean Swift and Anatole France, because there is actually no such thing as Negro or white blood. All blood donors are healthy and the four types of blood known to science are found equally in ALL populations regardless of the pigmentation of donors. But vicious racial propagandists have so conditioned us to belief in "black blood", "white blood", "oriental blood", etc., that for practical purposes a fiction has become a fact. We are still shackled by our illusions.

SOME 300,000 AMERICAN Negroes soon will be in Uncle Sam's uniform. With black soldiers in Hawaii and the Philippines, and reported enroute to other tropical theaters of war in Asia and Africa, we are in the world conflict with a vengeance. Already black boys have succumbed to Japanese attacks and others are risking their lives. Under the circumstances, Negroes who pretend to be indifferent to the war will soon change their attitude. There can be little apathy when one's kin lie dead and wounded on foreign strands.

Negroes are being organized into full divisions consisting of all arms. Negro aviation units are increasing in number. The number of Negroes being commissioned is growing. There will be more and more Negro Army nurses. Black boys from Buffalo, Birmingham, and Bogalusa will be rushing into battle in tanks, airplanes and jeeps, armed with the finest weapons American ingenuity has devised. We are most definitely in the war and we shall as definitely be in at the finish. It is up to those at home to prepare to share proportionately in the peace which inevitable must come.

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THE VANGUARD LEAGUE PRESENTS  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1942  
3:30 P. M.  
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - - - - -  
VOCAL SOLO - - - - -  
INVOCATION - - - - - REV.  
BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PURPOSE AND PROGRAM OF VANGUARD LEAGUE - - - - -  
VOCAL SOLO - - - - -  
VANGUARD LEAGUE JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE  
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER - - - - - CONSTANCE  
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER - - - - - "PROPAGANDA AND ITS EFFECTS"  
OFFERTORY - - - - - REV.  
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
VOCAL SOLO - - - - -  
QUESTION PERIOD  
BENEDICTION

WATCH PAPERS FOR OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AND THE SPEAKER. - - - - -

DO YOUR PART FOR THE DEFENSE OF  
OUR COUNTRY

BLACK OUT DISCRIMINATION IN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

PROTEST CURTISS-WRIGHT HIRING POLICIES

WHITE WOMEN EMPLOYED - - - NO COLORED WOMEN

Write a letter or a postal card to

The President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

and/or to

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Atty. ( ) Member  
Fair Employment Practice Commission,  
Supreme Liberty-Life Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

"OUR COUNTRY TO LIVE FOR, TO DIE FOR

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Please sign your name and address.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked December 1, 1952,  
has been received.

I sincerely appreciate the interest which  
prompted you to submit your observations to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that by letter dated April 18, 1952,  
a [redacted] wrote to the Bureau  
seeking employment as an investigator or in any capacity  
he might serve with or without compensation. [redacted]

By letter dated April 1, 1952, the New Orleans Office furnished  
a copy of a letter from a [redacted] to the

[redacted] seeking information  
concerning the whereabouts of his wife whose parents reside in  
Meridian. In this letter, [redacted] stated that his wife was a  
Communist. A check of the indices of the New Orleans and  
New York Offices at that time failed to reflect any information  
concerning [redacted]. He again communicated with the Bureau  
on September 8, 1952, in which he stated that he had a matter  
involving civil rights. He was advised that his letter did not  
indicate a violation within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.  
It is noted that correspondent's communication of 9-8-52 contained  
the statement that a judge indicated his intention of having  
[redacted] committed to Bellevue for observation. [redacted]  
Bufile 100-82789 reflects that George S. Schuyler is a corre-  
spondent for the "Pittsburgh Courier"

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[redacted] in October, 1952, wrote the Bureau, asking the Director to become an honorary member of the Negro Hall of Fame and to express his opinion concerning this organization. The Director declined this honorary membership and stated, in general terms, that he believed this organization was worthwhile.

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November 29, 1952

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir

In the November 30, 1952 edition of The  
Pittsburgh Courier, a negro newspaper, (and a very  
honest and excellent newspaper in spite of some of its  
feature writers) is an article "Eisenhower endorses  
Negro Hall of Fame" etc also Edgar J. Hoover.  
This article is by George D. Schuyler, a man of  
dubious loyalty and integrity in spite of his  
avowed anti-Communist writings. Obviously he is publicizing this "Negro Hall  
of Fame" thing at the expense of General Eisenhower  
and you. The founder of this Hall of  
Fame organization is "Fritz Pollard", former  
football star (negro)

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and now a free lance Catch as catch can  
hustler and a part of This Harlem  
Communist organization. Please take this  
information for what it is worth. I am  
happy and relieved because of The election of  
General Eisenhower and I know it is my  
duty to support and assist him in any  
way I can in his great responsibility,  
and it is my hope that this information  
may save him of embarrassment some  
future day.

Respectfully

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April 22, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

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RE: GEORGE S. SCHUYLER  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

The attached information was received by the Bureau  
from ~~Military Intelligence Division of the War Department~~.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be  
conducted by your office, for the purpose of determining whether  
the above captioned should be considered for custodial detention.

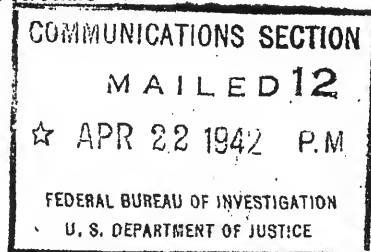
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director  
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Washington, D. C.

RE:    
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER;  
INTERNAL SECURITY (Misc.)

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Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith two copies of a report dated March 29, 1942, of Confidential National Defense Informant   which relates to   and GEORGE S. SCHUYLER. Enclosed also, are clippings from the April 4, 1942 issue of the "Pittsburgh Courier", which contained articles written by   and SCHUYLER.

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A copy of the Informant's report is being submitted to the Pittsburgh Office for its information. Copies of the report are likewise being retained in this office, for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

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cc - N.Y. file 65-8295

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Re: [redacted] George S. Schuler,

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What the Negro is thinking, about.

Enclosed please find two sheets of the , "Pitts berg Courier" pages #4 and #5, dated April 4 thd 1942. [redacted] and George S. Schuler are the twom best known feature in th e U.S. This paper-as far as y-- stand--have a circulation of over, half a million, among the Negroes .

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These two men are the most highly paid writers, inthe Countr . They inf uence a fe. millions of, thes Negro- populationL

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Director  
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Re: GEORGE S. SCHUYLER;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - J.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a report dated May 14, 1942 of Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] which relates to GEORGE S. SCHUYLER and the Negro Press.

Enclosed also is a copy of the May 16, 1942 issue of the PITTSBURGH COURIER, which is referred to in the Informant's report.

No specific action is being taken with regard to the contents of the Informant's report. Copies of same, however, are being retained for possible future reference purposes.

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Very truly yours,

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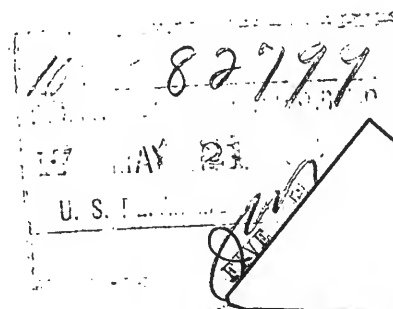
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Re:- Negro Press  
Re:- George S. Schuyler

Thursday, May 14, 1942.

George S. Schuyler.

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According to page 7 of the Pittsburgh Courier, dated Sat. May, 16. under the heading of: "We stand by our friends in the War Department", it would seem as if someone have been, 'cracking down' on the Negro #1 Rabble-rouser, Newspaperman, or, he and his paper are getting 'cold feet'. They have apologized for his attack on the , Press Relations Bureau-of-the--War-Dept Bureau of the War Dept. as pointed out in one of my reports. You will note that this week, in pages #1 and #6, that the best thing Schuyler could find to write about was; "Southern home cooking". and for some reason have forgotten all about his anti-white and near pro-jap ideas.

Pages #7 and #12, continue to attack, Westbrook Pegler's recent constructive criticism of the, Negro Press. Two ads appearing on, page #12, actually supports, Pegler's argument. ||

Note:- I am trying to collect some information regarding, the life history of, George Schuyler and will report that, at some later date.

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Re: GEORGE S. SCHUYLER  
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## We Stand By Our Friends In The War Department

Two weeks ago a Courier columnist criticized the Press Relations Bureau of the War Department, characterizing the publicity released as "stupid." This statement should not have been published in The Courier. It does not represent the attitude of this newspaper. The publication was not the fault of the columnist. He wrote his view point. The publication was the fault of The Courier. We sincerely regret the publication and apologize to the many friends of the nation and true democracy in the War Department.

Our friends in the War Department have been embarrassed by this criticism. Our enemies in the department have used this criticism to justify their own hostility and to emphasize that the efforts of our friends are not appreciated. We serve notice on those who oppose true democracy in the Army that we are going to stand by our friends who serve us and the nation. We have many friends in the War Department. General Marshall, Chief of Staff, is one. Major General A. D. Surles, Chief of the Public Relations Bureau, is another. Lieut. Col. David Page, who has led the work in our behalf, is a third. The entire list of friends is lengthy. We are with them and we are sorry for what happened.

We shall continue our fight on our enemies in the department who connive to thwart our ambition to render the fullest service to our country. Not one of the men mentioned above—and many others—would expect us to do less.

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Report made at NEW YORK CITY	Date Made: 9/22/42	Period: 8/5, 7, 8, 14, 17, 31/42	Made by: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>
Title GEORGE SAMUEL SCHUYLER, alias George S. Schuyler			Character INTERNAL SECURITY - J

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential Informants' reports indicate subject is prominent negro writer and lecturer who is ardent advocate of race equality and allegedly pro-Japanese. Investigation reveals subject born Providence, Rhode Island on 2/25/1895; married

employed as business manager of "The Crisis" monthly publication of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Subject prominent columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, negro publication. N.A.A.C.P. offices located 69 Fifth Ave., NYC; Courier maintains New York offices at 2143 7th Ave., Harlem. Subject author of "Black No More" and "Slaves Today", both advocating race equality. Subject resides 270 Convent Ave., NYC,  reported well known  Subject reported well respected by negro race in New York.

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## REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated April 22, 1942, (Bureau File 100-82799).  
Bureau Confidential Memorandum on Subversive Activities - INTERNAL SECURITY - N, sent to Cincinnati Field Office May 22, 1942, (Bureau File 100-7660).  
New York letter to the Bureau dated May 8, 1942, captioned "Pro-Japanese Sentiments Among Negro Race - INTERNAL SECURITY - J".

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DETAILS: This case is predicated upon a series of confidential informants' reports indicating that subject is a prominent negro writer and lecturer who is rabid on the subject of race equality and who allegedly is at times pro-Japanese in his statements. Informants' reports charged that subject is one of the leading sources in fomenting discontent among the colored race.

Confidential Informant [ ] prepared a report on subject, which report was submitted to the New York Office under cover of Bureau letter of reference dated April 22, 1942. This report, which was prepared on February 16, 1942 reads as follows:

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"COMPLAINT

George S. Schuyler, a columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, spoke at the Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, February 8, 1942, under the sponsorship of the Vanguard League. Subject is said to be the most radical and widely read negro writer in the country. He has carried on a constant attack against the Army and Navy policies relating to negroes and has been a contributing factor to the present low morale of same. Subject lives in New York City and is married to a white woman.

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FACTS ESTABLISHED PERTAINING TO COMPLAINT

Attendance at the Vanguard meeting revealed that the program was opened with the singing of the negro National Anthem. After a few unimportant remarks by other speakers, Mr. SCHUYLER was introduced by [ ] of the League. Mr. SCHUYLER speech was 'Propaganda and Its Effects'. With a total disregard for the truth of his statements, subject went on to elaborate on the various types of propaganda and the psychological effects had on the masses of the people. The speech was filled with brilliant metaphors and he called attention to the various types of racial discrimination practiced against the negro. Subject attacked the Army and Navy policies; gave his version of the Pearl Harbor incident in which he stated that the surprise was due to the fact that the American white man did not think that Japan would dare attack him and went on to say that the time was near when the people would not be able to get the truth about the war situation because of censorship. Subject also stated that in all countries except in the United States the students are a revolutionary group.

After the speech, Mr. SCHUYLER conducted an open discussion from the platform. Subject was well informed and had a ready answer for the questions that were asked him. One question in particular showed subject's attitude. One woman asked him if he thought the negroes would be treated better if the Japanese won the war. Subject

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stated that he had been in Japan and while there, had been well treated. He stated satirically that it was quite possible that if Japan should win, that they would keep in force the same customs of lynching, segregation and the denial of political rights that are now practiced in Mississippi and other Southern states. In answer to another question, he stated that the United States had contributed to the present war with Japan by its policy of encirclement.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Confidential Informant [ ] reported that 'A very close check has been kept on the writings of GEORGE SCHUYLER and most of it was found to be of a radical nature'. His novel, 'Black No More' (published by Scribners in 1929) dealt with miscegenation. It is significant that editorial comment is made by the publishers of the Pittsburgh Courier at the top of his column. (Exhibit A). What is the most dangerous thing about subject's writing is that so many people believe it to be factual. Subject is the most widely read negro newspaper man in the country and his articles influence the thinking of many negro leaders. Subject has been one of the most outspoken critics on Army and Navy policies relative to negroes. It is the opinion of this informant that subject is the most dangerous negro in the country today and that if he is permitted to continue his attacks on the present war efforts, he may agitate a rebellion among negro soldiers stationed in the South."

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Confidential Informant [ ] submitted a sample of subject's writings which appear under the title "NEWS AND REVIEWS", by GEORGE S. SCHUYLER in the Pittsburgh Courier. At the top of this column appears the statement "This column represents the personal opinion of Mr. Schuyler, and in no way reflects the editorial opinion of the Pittsburgh Courier - Editor".

"EXHIBIT A

With sadness and weary resignation I note that many supposedly intelligent Negroes are swallowing hook, line and sinker the same bush-wah at which their fathers snapped during World War No. 1, to wit: that once victory is achieved, the colored brethren as a reward for their patriotic efforts and sacrifices will be promptly invested with all the rights and privileges of citizenship now denied them wherever 'Home Nordicus' rules.<sup>b6</sup> To be sure neither Dr. Roosevelt, Dr. Churchill, [REDACTED] the <sup>b7C</sup> escaped Belgian politicians who rule the Congo, Dictator Franco, Dictator

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[ ] [ ] nor stooge Degaulle has said anything that might lead the most gullible Senegambian to harbor such an illusion. The Atlantic Charter while bristling with mouth-filling platitudes is as indefinite as a German Army communique from the Moscow front. Nor from either Herr Hitler, Signor Mussolini or Premier Tojo has come any promises that Mose's place will be other than on the bottom where he now resides amid blood, sweat and tear s.

If those who guide the destinies of millions of captive Africs have given no assurance of equality for all, once the menace of Brown Bolshevism is ended, how is it that our sable eminentissimos can speak with such certainty? As during the last global struggle for the right to exploit the unarmed colored folk of the world, one gets this inference from the speaking and writing Higher Mendicancy and job-holding unintelligentsia. They are trying to bolster our morale with bush-wah. The burden of their gabble is that while, of course, we have no more rights than a Jew in Potsdam or a kulak in Russia, we are the best-treated black serfs on earth; and once 'democracy' loses, we shall become total slaves, unable to vote in Wiggins, Miss; or to enter a movie theater in Johannesburg, South Africa; or to purchase land in Nairobi, Kenya; or to be a union electrician in Los Angeles; or to engage rooms at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.; or to marry a blonde in Danville, Va., or to bask in a public park in Mobile, Ala.

It is not surprising that many so-called educated Negroes of the thousandaire class are avidly absorbing this brannigan. Education everywhere being an instrument of the ruling class designed to condition the mass mind to acquiescence in, acceptance of and sacrifice for the status quo, it follows that those longest and most intensively subjected to the educative process are more ready to uncritically accept the bologna offered them. I find today many of our supposedly educated folk spouting the most amazing nonsense, some of it almost as foolish as the maunderings of [ ] and the more vocal members of the New Deal Kitchen Cabinet in Washington.

On the other hand, Old Uncle Mose vegetating in Bumgut Alley is by comparison a sapient fellow. When white-collared phonographs occasionally come into his neighborhood spouting the white folks' propaganda he relieves himself of a silent and cynical chuckle. He may not be wise to the number of Negro farmers having pellegra in Shotgun, Ark., or aware of the incidence of tuberculosis among the colored denizens of the alleys of our national capital, or the changes through the centuries of the meaning of the verb Ughgum in the Polynesian languages. But he does know that the Crackers are not going to get off his back, voluntarily, ever.

It is this curbstone wisdom that endears me to the sable herd. Although poor, ill-housed, bulldozed by the local Gestapo, jammed into jail on the slightest pretext, rachitic, exploited, numb-brained, and unlettered, they entertain no illusions about their destiny under the

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Caucasian dictatorship. They believed in Santa Claus once, immediately after emancipation from chattel slavery, and suffered a grand disillusionment. They have been sceptical ever since, and nothing in their experience has tended to shake their cynicism. They know that their white folks have no intention of accepting them as brothers and sisters, friends and comrades on an equal basis, so all the blahblah about democracy, freedom and national unity leaves them as cold as a streetwalker on South Parkway.

"Of course it may be that the black masses's scepticism is unwarranted and that the phonograph Negroes are correct. Maybe peace will see an end to the discrimination and insults Negroes suffer under the Stars and Stripes, Union Jack, Tri-color, the banner of Savoy, etc. I hope so. But when I see a great nation like the United States engaged in a struggle for its life and still determined to continue and even expand the racial distinctions forced upon the whole nation by the fanatically Negrophobic South, I am doubtful, to put it mildly. And unless some changes are made pretty soon in the direction of real improvement, the disinterest of the black masses in the outcome of the current fight for democracy is going to become tremendous."

Confidential Informant [redacted] made available Exhibit B, captioned "The World Today", by GEORGE S. SCHUYLER, dated February 7, 1942 which reads as follows:

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"The Windy City is excited over [redacted] fight for the choice Chicago Congressional seat which has virtually been occupied for several years. He looms above the present incumbent like Diamond Head over Waikiki Beach. No Uncle Tom, he would be a brilliant, fighting Congressman, adding needed lustre to that far-from-brilliant body. Not since the days of the militant [redacted] has Negro Chicago been adequately represented in Congress.

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"SEGREGATION has now been extended to blood banks. While Negro blood will be accepted by the Red Cross, the Army's Surgeon General Magee insists that it be kept separate and given only to those asking for it. The Navy, traditionally less liberal on things Negro, will not insist on blood segregation, it says, although it still segregates Negroes themselves in mess service. The Red Cross incidentally, is seeking funds from Negroes.

"This blood business would have delighted those old cynics and satirists-- [redacted] because there is actually no such thing as Negro or white blood. All blood donors are healthy and the four types of blood known to science are found equally in ALL populations regardless of the pigmentation of donors. But vicious racial propagandists have so conditioned us to belief in 'black blood', 'white blood', 'oriental blood', etc., that for practical purposes a fiction has become a fact. We are still shackled by our illusions.

"SOME 300,000 AMERICAN Negroes soon will be in Uncle Sam's uniform. With black soldiers in Hawaii and the Philippines, and reported enroute to other tropical theaters of war in Asia and Africa, we are in the world conflict with a vengeance. Already black boys have succumbed to Japanese attacks and others are risking their lives. Under the circumstances, Negroes who pretend to be indifferent to the war will soon change their attitude. There can be little apathy when one's kin lie dead and wounded on foreign strands.

"Negroes are being organized into full divisions consisting of all arms. Negro aviation units are increasing in number. The number of Negroes being commissioned is growing. There will be more and more Negro Army nurses. Black boys from Buffalo, Birmingham, and Bogalusa will be rushing into battle in tanks, airplanes and jeeps, armed with the finest weapons American ingenuity has devised. We are most definitely in the war and we shall as definitely be in at the finish. It is up to those at home to prepare to share proportionately in the peace which inevitable must come."

Exhibit C, also made available by Confidential Informant [redacted] consists of a program of THE VANGUARD LEAGUE, as follows:

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"THE VANGUARD LEAGUE PRESENTS  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1942  
3:30 P.M.  
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

MASTER OF CEREMONIES -----	[redacted]
VOCAL SOLO-----	[redacted]
INVOCATION-----	[redacted]
BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
PURPOSE AND PROGRAM OF VANGUARD LEAGUE-----	[redacted]
VOCAL SOLO-----	[redacted]
VANGUARD LEAGUE JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE	
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER-----	[redacted]
GEORGE S. SCHUYLER-----	"PROPAGANDA AND ITS EFFECTS"
OFFERTORY-----	[redacted]
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WATCH PAPERS FOR OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AND THE SPEAKER.-----"

Confidential Informant [redacted] also under the caption Exhibit C, made available a one cent postal card which was included with the aforementioned program above. This postal card reads as follows:

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"DO YOUR PART FOR THE DEFENSE OF  
OUR COUNTRY  
BLACK OUR DISCRIMINATION IN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES  
PROTEST CURTISS-WRIGHT HIRING POLICIES  
WHITE WOMEN EMPLOYED ----- NO COLORED WOMEN

Write a letter or a postal card to

The President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

and/or to

[redacted] Member  
Fair Employment Practice Commission,  
Supreme Liberty-Life Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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"OUR COUNTRY TO LIVE FOR, TO DIE FOR  
AND TO WORK FOR

Please sign your name and address."

Confidential Informant [redacted] mentioned subject in his report entitled "Pro-Japanese Sentiments", dated Friday, May 1, 1942, and which report was forwarded to the Bureau under reference letter above, dated May 8, 1942.

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In this report [redacted] states that the Negro Press was assisting in bringing about a sympathy among the negro race for the Japanese. Informant mentions the Pittsburgh Courier as a sample of the Negro Press that contained pro-Japanese statements, which publication has a circulation of 250,000 weekly and is a national paper, employing two famous feature writers, namely GEORGE S. SCHUYLER and [redacted] reportedly has published many books, both he and SCHUYLER advocating racial mixture in their books and in their writings.

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(1) [redacted] was stated to have lived and traveled in Europe for many years. SCHUYLER was stated to have once been assigned by the old New York World, a white newspaper, to make a survey in Liberia, a negro republic in Africa. [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] called attention to pages one to four of the May 2, 1942 Pittsburgh Courier. On Page 1, under the heading "The World Today", written by SCHUYLER, informant noted "There is an organization named The Post War World Council which is causing agitation

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regarding unfair treatment of Japanese aliens and citizens in the West, while a better treatment is given to the Germans and Italians because they are white." SCHUYLER was stated to be using this to stir up anti-white feeling among his race.

In the eighth paragraph subject points out that because a certain American surgeon is white, he was given the Naval Cross for his work done in Pearl Harbor, while [ ] a negro, was ignored because of his race and color. Subject sings the praises of the half-castes to show they are superior.

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Informant [ ] advised that SCHUYLER is "as black as the Ace of Spades and some more", married a poor white girl from the backwoods of the South. Subject was reported to have a daughter age about [ ]. Informant stated that colored women condemn SCHUYLER and hold him up to ridicule because they feel he should have married one of his own race and consider his marriage to a white woman an insult to the negroes. It was stated that his marriage to a white woman would probably account for his spending so much time and constantly advocating racial mixture.

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Confidential Informant [ ] in a report captioned "Negro Press-GEORGE S. SCHUYLER", dated Thursday, May 14, 1942, forwarded to the Bureau under New York cover letter of May 18, 1942, informant states as follows:

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"According to Page four of the Pittsburgh Courier dated Saturday, May 16, under the headline of 'We stand by our friends in the War Department,' it would seem as if someone has been 'cracking down on the negro, number one rabble-rouser'. [ ] states that the Pittsburgh Courier had been forced to apologize for subject's attack on the Press Relations Bureau of the War Department. Informant called attention to subject's writings on Page one and six of the Courier dated May 16, 1942, noting that subject wrote about Southern home cooking and apparently was forgetting about his anti-white and near pro-Japanese ideas, indicating that perhaps subject was getting "cold feet".

It will be noted that the foregoing issues of the Pittsburgh Courier dated May 2, 1942 and May 16, 1942 have been previously forwarded to the Bureau.

By Bureau letter of reference, dated May 22, 1942, a report submitted by Confidential Informant [ ] was forwarded to the New York Office. According to Confidential Informant [ ] subject lectured to a group of colored people in the First Baptist Church in East-Central Columbus, Ohio. It was stated that this meeting was attended by more than 1,000 negroes and that the principal speaker was GEORGE SCHUYLER of New York City, an elderly, almost white headed negro. His subject was given as "Propaganda and Propaganda Methods".

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Informant stated "that while subject's attack was discriminating and largely borne out by the facts, yet the sum total effect was very bad. He magnified the negroes' grievances and piled them up for them to see. He had them hypercritical of everything that has to do with patriotism, for example, 'Watch out for those people who wrap themselves in the flag- they have something to put across'. He left the statement so inclusive that it could not but cause his critics to be unfair to many people who are honest and patriotic and have nothing to put across. "

"The most reprehensible fact came out when a lady in the audience asked him for a statement as to the comparative treatment of negroes in this country as against Japan. His answer dwelled upon crimes by the English and the Dutch and very definitely implied that negroes would be better treated under the Japanese than they are by us.

"He pooh-poohs all ideas of race and claims that there is not only white blood in all negroes but also goes further and claims that all whites have some negro blood."

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Informant summarizes his report by stating "subject's talk on propaganda which he recently gave at West Virginia University is adroit propaganda to sell the negro that he has no worthwhile stake in this war, that he is being played as a sucker and a sap and that now is the time for him to demand complete equality. Whether he is in the pay of some foreign government or not he is a helper of Hitler and Hirohito."

On June 3, 1942, Informant [redacted] made available copies of the Pittsburgh Courier dated June 6, 1942, calling attention to pages 1, 4, and 6 in this publication which contained writings by subject. Informant pointed out that SCHUYLER has renewed his anti-white and pro-Japanese writings after a lull of a few weeks.

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Informant pointed out that the Courier had previously apologized for slurs that he made against the War Department. [redacted] stated that subject was now living at 270 Convent Avenue, New York; that he was a former writer on the WPA Writer's Project, along with [redacted] and that he was an officer in the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

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In the articles printed in the Courier on June 6, 1942, subject pointed out that the second paragraph deals with [redacted] who recently was awarded Naval honors. SCHUYLER went on to state as follows:

[redacted] who once said Negroes were 'too smart' to be given equal opportunity in the Navy because they would gain high places and thus 'embarrass' whites, complimented [redacted]

In Paragraph 5, subject quotes [redacted] of New York as "If we apply the doctrine of the master race to the minorities in our country, then our difference from Adolf Hitler is only in degree, not in kind." Subject then stated, "To which every intelligent Negro will say, Amen".

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In the sixth paragraph, subjects goes on to say that [redacted] a [redacted] year old negro youth, feels not much different from [redacted] but the Newark negro got three years in Federal prison from a judge in Trenton on May 20. The judge asked him how he could evade the draft and the opportunity to fight Hitler who regards negroes as only half human. [redacted] said, "There are a lot of people over here who agree with him. Retorted the judge, 'Don't you think there are a lot who don't agree with him?' Replied [redacted] 'I haven't hit so many of them'. To this some negroes might say, Amen, too."

In the last paragraph, subject states as follows: "Pro-Fascist Italian-Americans on our Pacific Coast are openly saying [redacted] will win the war' (meaning Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis). Their pro-Fascist papers still print nothing reflecting on Mussolini, the butcher of Libya and Ethiopia. [redacted] has been observed giving the Fascist salute. The Italian Chamber of Commerce head refuses to return his Italian Government decorations. An Italian attorney admits speaking many times before the German-American bund. Such was the testimony before California's Assembly committee investigating un-Americanism last week. Meantime loyal Japanese-American citizens are being interned just because of race! Consistency thou art a jewel."

In the article captioned "Views and Reviews, by GEORGE S. SCHUYLER", printed in the Pittsburgh Courier of June 6, 1942, subject attacks the recently created concentration camps for persons of Japanese ancestry. He states, "What evidence is there that Japanese residents or citizens of Nipponese ancestry constitute any dangerous military problem except in the minds of alarmists? None whatever."

Subject then proceeds to defend the Japanese-American group. Subject concludes by stating, "I think the average intelligent Negro confronted with the problem on the Pacific Coast would have told the prejudiced white competitors of the Japanese-Americans to go jump in the sea, and guided himself by the Bill of Rights, he would have assumed every citizen to be innocent until proved guilty, regardless of color. If the Constitution can be tossed aside expediently whenever those in authority choose, then democracy is already dead and our struggle in its behalf is pointless."

Subject further states: "There is no sound reason for discrimination against Japanese-Americans, the real basis is a racial one".

The foregoing columns from the Pittsburgh Courier of June 6, 1942 are being forwarded to the Bureau.

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The following examples of writings of subject are also being forwarded to the Bureau:

"The World Today", printed August 22, 1942;  
"Views and Reviews", printed August 22, 1942;  
"The World Today", printed August 15, 1942;  
"Views and Reviews", printed in the Courier August 15, 1942;  
"The World Today", printed in the Courier August 29, 1942;  
"Views and Reviews", printed in the Courier August 29, 1942.

In the report of Confidential Informant [ ] filed in New York File 65-8295-104, which was sent to the Bureau under cover letter of April 14, 1942, captioned [ ] GEORGE S. SCHUYLER, INTERNAL SECURITY", further examples of subject's writings, as taken from the Pittsburgh Courier of April 4, 1942, pages four and five, were forwarded to the Bureau.

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Under date of March 29, 1942, Confidential Informant [ ] prepared a report entitled "What the Negro is Thinking About", which stated that [ ] and GEORGE S. SCHUYLER are the two best known feature writers in the United States. The Pittsburgh Courier has a circulation of about half a million negroes, [ ] is from [ ] and has written several books. His specialty is [ ] He is a [ ] SCHUYLER is very black and married to a white woman from the South.

[ ] SCHUYLER and [ ] were said to be the most highly paid negro writers in the country and it was believed that they influence a few million of the negro population.

Selective Service Information

Inquiries at Local Board #58, 560 Amsterdam Avenue, reflected that Serial No. 1349 registered with the Board was GEORGE SAMUEL SCHUYLER, 270 Convent Avenue, New York, Apartment 9-C, Telephone Endicott 3-3971. At the time of his registration on April 25, 1942, before [ ] subject stated that he was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 25, 1895; that he was 47 years old; that the person who would always know his address was [ ] and that his employer was "The Crisis Publishing Company, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as business manager. His description was given as follows:

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Height:	5 ft. 7 in.
Weight:	160 lbs.
Race:	Negro
Eyes:	Black
Hair:	Gray
Complexion:	Dark



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A review of this book by the writer revealed that it was a satire on inequality among the white and colored races. The story concerned a colored man in Harlem who was rebuked by a Southern white woman who was visiting New York. Thereafter a negro doctor discovered a medical treatment which removed pigmentation from negroes and made them white. The story goes on to reveal how the hero, after taking the treatment, lived in Atlanta, Georgia as a respectable white man and married the previously mentioned southern woman.

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The book goes on to explain how everyone took the treatment and became white, and after a while it became fashionable for everyone to admire the few remaining negroes so much so that steps were taken by the whites to obtain the then popular black complexion.

The second book, "SLAVES TODAY", by GEORGE SAMUEL SCHUYLER (1895) was said to be a story of Liberia, published by the BREWER, WARREN and PUTNAM Company, New York, 1931. This book was examined and found to be a documentary report on Liberia with no particularly strong stress being made on racial equality. It was stated in the foreword of this book, "The material for this narrative was gathered during the three month sojourn in the west coast of Africa in the early part of 1931".

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#### TRAVEL ABROAD

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Attempts were made to check through the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, the reported travels of subject abroad, specifically his travel to North Africa in 1931 mentioned in the book, "SLAVES TODAY", and his reported travel to Japan, mentioned by subject in his lecture before the VANGUARD LEAGUE at Columbus, Ohio on February 8, 1942.

However, it was impossible to trace such travels by records at Ellis Island inasmuch as subject was reported to be a citizen. The officials at Ellis Island suggested that passport information on file with the State Department would assist in tracing subject's travels abroad.

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#### EMPLOYMENT

As mentioned throughout this report, subject is employed as a writer and columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier and is well-known as the author of the columns captioned "THE WORLD TODAY", and "VIEWS AND REVIEWS". Subject is reported to be a lecturer who travels about the country making speeches to negro groups, similar to his address made before the VANGUARD LEAGUE at Columbus, Ohio, on February 8, 1942.

Subject is employed as the business manager for "THE CRISIS", official monthly publication of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, published by the CRISIS PUBLISHING Company, Inc.,

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at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City. A copy of the August, 1942 issue of "THE CRISIS" reflects on Page 246 that GEORGE S. SCHUYLER is the business manager.

A copy of the August, 1942 issue of "THE CRISIS" is being forwarded to the Bureau with this report.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Inquiries at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York revealed that GEORGE S. SCHUYLER was married [redacted] residing at 270 Convent Avenue, New York City, formerly at 320 Manhattan Avenue, New York City, and that he was an editor employed at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Inquiries at the New York Police Department were made concerning subject with negative results.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU

Copy of "THE CRISIS", issue of August, 1942;  
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION - At Pittsburgh, Pa.,

Will review their file and report any pertinent information concerning subject.

Will consider advisability of discreetly contacting any contacts they may have with the Pittsburgh Courier, negro publication, for further background information on subject, and his alleged pro-Japanese tendencies.

THE PROVIDENCE FIELD DIVISION, at Providence,

Will verify the birth of subject at Providence, Rhode Island, on February 25, 1895.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION, At Washington, D.C.

Will contact the main offices of the WPA for information concerning subject's reported employment on the Federal Writer's Project, WPA, New York City. Complete information should be ascertained concerning subject's background.

Will make appropriate inquiries of the State Department to ascertain passport or other information relative to subject's reported travels in West Africa in 1941 and to Japan, date unknown.



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# THE World TODAY

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

White newspapers are catching up with the Negro press. Last Saturday the New York Times, leading white newspaper, declared editorially that "Prejudice Is Disloyal." Our papers have been stressing this for decades. War is certainly bringing about changes.

DORIE MILLER got his Navy Cross last week from Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Ceremonies were at Pearl Harbor where Miller's heroic deeds were done. Admiral Nimitz, who once said Negroes were "too smart" to be given equal opportunity in the Navy because they would gain high places and thus "embarrass" whites, complimented Miller. The latter then returned to his kitchen work.

Six years ago Benjamin O. Davis Jr., graduated high up in his West Point class but contrary to custom, was assigned to the infantry. Last week he became an air corps lieutenant colonel, after having been promoted from captain to major only on May 19. Such is the speed of promotions in war. Young Davis is now assistant post executive officer at the Tuskegee Army flying school. Which proves it CAN happen here.

FORTUNE MAGAZINE for June adds further proof that "the sun do move." It features an excellent article on the Negroes and the war industries. Romare Bearden and Charles Alston illustrated it while whites wrote it. A fine interracial effort although "old stuff" to Negroes abreast of the times. Wealthy whites who largely read Fortune, will find much food for thought and, let us hope, for action.

Dr. Robert W. Searle of New York told the Milwaukee meeting of the Presbyterians a mouthful last week, saying "If we apply the doctrine of the master race to the minorities in our country, then our difference from Adolf Hitler is only in degree, not in kind." To which every intelligent Negro will say, Amen.

WAYMAN SULLIVAN, 22-year-old Negro, feels not much different from Dr. Searle, but the Newark Negro got three years in Federal prison from a judge in Trenton on May 20. The judge asked him how he could evade the draft and the opportunity to fight Hitler who regards Negroes as only half human. Sullivan said, "There are a lot of people over here who agree with him." Retorted the judge, "Don't you think there are a lot who don't agree with him?" Replied Sullivan, "I haven't hit so many of them." To this some Negroes might say, Amen, too.

As the war gets tougher our home-grown Hitlers will have to change. Last week the F.E.P. Committee ordered eight Government contractors in the New York area to stop stalling and hire Negroes, Jews and others barred from working. Unfortunately the F.E.P. has no authority to punish these firms if they ignore its warning. Congress should remedy that defect. You should only vote for candidates who will promise to do so.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE'S "Strike a Match for Victory" campaign deserves your support. You can get 50 match packets for \$1, a whole box for \$5, from its office, 1133 Broadway, N.Y. Proceeds aid our fight to get skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled Negroes into war industry. President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Anne Brown, William Hastie, F. D. Patterson, Mayor LaGuardia and thousands more are buying and using these matches. Why not you?

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# Views AND Reviews

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

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Pursuing his "study" of Negro-owned newspapers, Westbrook Pegler notes that some few are "excited about the arbitrary deportation of Japanese and native Americans of Japanese ancestry from military areas of the Pacific Coast," and quotes from two that ask why citizens of German and Italian ancestry have not been similarly deported. Admitting the logic of these inquiries, Pegler complains that "neither offers any less painful solution of a dangerous military problem," alleging that "some American natives of Japanese birth were traitorous spies who helped a treacherous enemy slaughter our people at Pearl Harbor and that many native American children were educated by their parents to be Japanese, not Americans." He excuses the Government's drastic tearing up of the Bill of Rights in this instance by citing its "alarm or fear and military urgency."

All Americans have a right to be "excited" by the arrival of concentration camps for American citizens who have admittedly committed no crime. While Negroes and Indians have often been run off their land and penned in virtual concentration camps, this is the first instance in modern American history of enforced mass migration. If the Government can do this to American citizens of Japanese ancestry, then it can do it to American citizens of ANY ancestry. Therein lies the danger of such arbitrary action which the "Founding Fathers" saw clearly and against which they erected the safeguard of the Bill of Rights and the Civil War Amendments. It is the evil from which the European ancestors of our present patriots fled. If this is to be the New Order here, then the war is already lost, so far as democracy is concerned, and it becomes merely a matter of arguing which slave State is the worst.

What evidence is there that Japanese residents or citizens of Nipponese ancestry constituted any "dangerous military problem" except in the minds of alarmists? None whatever. Of course there are Japanese spies and saboteurs in this country. We have ours in Japan. A country failing to employ them would be criminally negligent. Until now it has been the "American Way" to track down the gully and convict them on the evidence—not imprison every unpopular person on suspicion. The overwhelming majority of the Japanese and Japano-Americans, numbering all told about 130,000, are poor, industrious people who have sought in vain to be integrated into American society. They have only been "dangerous" to incompetent white Americans envying their thrift. According to the recent Saturday Evening Post article, "The People Nobody Wants," it was on the demand of agents of California white farm associations that these citizens were sent to concentration camps, not because of any anti-American activities. Pegler should read the recent book "Remember Pearl Harbor" and find out that over 99 per cent of these people were loyal according to the Honolulu F.B.I. The only spy for Japan so far convicted in the U.S. is a native white American, a former U.S. Naval officer trapped in Washington, D.C. What

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In the past few months I have read a number of books dealing with the status of colored folks in India, Indonesia, the Philippines, East and West Africa, South America and the Caribbean area. There are differences between the treatment of colored folk in these colonial "dependencies" (the imperialists are actually dependent upon the natives!) but what has struck me most forcibly are the similarities.

In some places there are dark natives sitting in the legislatures and in other places there are none. In some places the educated class is of considerable size while in other places it is almost non-existent. In some places efforts are made to give native children secondary school training while in other places they are largely restricted to primary school education, if any. But everywhere, regardless of the flag that floats over the colony, the natives are actually enslaved.

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Wherever you turn, with very few exceptions, the colored people actually have no voice in their government, even though their representatives may sit in the legislature. There is always some trick by which the final say rests with a white man. This was true even in the Philippines so-called Commonwealth where American business and financial interests called the tune. It is true in supposedly independent Egypt. It is true even in the so-called independent "republics" of Latin America. Where the European and American financial influence if not apparent at first glance, is working behind the scenes, supporting native dictators who make a mockery of democracy. The Caribbean States are actually not much more than streamlined colonies.

Mexico's turmoil has largely centered around getting rid of foreign concessionaires who obtained their foothold through the bribery of dictators and the financing of whichever side would promise to maintain the status quo. These vested interests intensely hate every man or movement trying to free the Mexican people from the foreign incubus. The same is true of almost all of the Central American "democracies" and those on the Spanish Main.

As a general rule, the less whites there are in the population, the worse is the condition of the natives. Probably the most "scientific" imperialists are the Belgians and the Dutch. Neither exercises or exercised the Nordic prerogative of openly maintaining white supremacy. The white exploiters can and do intermarry with natives and aided rather than penalized the mulatto class. They were and are equally careful of sanitation, did not insist on ghettos and remained respectful of native institutions—under the leadership of native stooges! The French come next and the British last.

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In practically all these colonies business and finance, to say nothing of the power behind the native rulers, are white. Illiteracy, regardless of the Imperial Power owning the colony, is around 90 per cent. The white ruling class usually stays aloof from the natives (but not from the native women!) socially. This has everywhere conditioned the natives to white supremacy, keeping alive invidious color distinctions.

It is noteworthy that not in all the pious and mouth-filling pronouncements of Anglo-American leaders and their satellites does one hear even a suggestion that Africans, Malaysians and Indonesians be granted full independence after the war. They do not even want India to be free, and they were not interested in a free China until Japan attacked the Chiang Kai Chek government, thus imperilling white investments and holdings in China. Wherever the Germans, Italians and Japanese have colonies in Europe, Asia or Africa have followed the example of their mentors, although I have no evidence that the Japanese have established a color bar in Korea or Manchuria.

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There are wide differences between the status of so-called Negroes in the United States and colored folk elsewhere, especially in property ownership and education, but there are numerous similarities. We, too, are virtually without any say in our government and the few minor officials we have make no policies but are merely well-paid servants facilitating handling of Negroes. We, too, are increasingly segregated and ostracised. In this direction all the speeches of "friends" and "liberals" have not changed the pattern of white supremacy one bit, nor is there any apparent intention of changing it, either now or later. Like our brethren elsewhere we are not numbered among those who control the industry, finance and commerce of our land. But we are in the labor unions, and they are increasingly powerful.

When will this world picture be radically altered and how? I will not say, but anyone can draw conclusions

Re:  
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## THE World TODAY

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

Twenty-two organizations appealed to President Roosevelt to rescue the FEPC from the graveyard of the War Manpower Commission. It is still there. The CIO has appointed a committee to save the FEPC and named brilliant, militant Willard S. Townsend, UTSEA (Red Cap Union) president, as chairman. It is a tough assignment.

**WHAT IS NEEDED** is a Federal law banning discrimination and segregation because of color or religion in all Government departments and in all plants having war contracts, and providing punishment for those who violate it. Then we could get somewhere. The FEPC has no more bite now than a toothless crone. The way to make it mean something is to put a strong law behind it. The campaign for that law should start now.

New Orleans colored teachers will get salary raises next month amounting to one-half the difference between their former salaries and those of white teachers. Salaries will be equalized in 1943. Credit NAACP leadership with another victory. The colored teachers deserve more credit for standing fast behind NAACP leadership and repudiating compromisers.

**WALTER WHITE** is certainly tenacious. When he gets an idea he tracks it down like Sherlock Holmes. Following up his campaign for better roles for Negroes in motion pictures, he has now secured pledges from Hollywood's chief executives to do their utmost in this direction. You may now expect to see something besides clowns, hoofers and prima donnas wearing aprons on the silver screen.

Sikeston, Mo., was apparently not satisfied with the broiling of Cleo Wright. Last week it attempted to lynch Rev. J. B. Ross of St. Louis because he condemned the lynchers in a sermon. Happily Rev. Ross beat the pack to the train and a friendly white conductor saved his life by locking him in the men's washroom. He couldn't have been in more danger in Poland or the Philippines. Hitler would probably be welcome in Sikeston.

**MARRIED MEN** without children and not engaged in very vital war work will be in the Army by Christmas, according to General Hershey, Selective Service head, speaking in Chicago. "The number of able-bodied men in industry must be drastically reduced in the very near future," he said. Those men with second-class dependents (grandmothers, mothers, brothers, sisters, etc.) are next. Many who have been crying for a second front will find themselves on it by New Year's.

**Men seeking Government or war jobs and needing proof of citizenship**, may easily get it for as little as \$1, and with certification under seal for \$3, if they signed draft registration cards in 1917 and 1918. They have only to send to the Census Bureau which now has custody of the 24,000,000 cards. Information on age and birth may also be obtained from the Bureau's population records, it was announced last week.

**THE WEEK'S IRONY** is the demand of West Coast fruit and vegetable growers that the War Department detail soldiers to help them harvest and pack their crops. These same people were instrumental in forcing California's best agricultural workers (Japanese and Japanese-Americans) into concentration camps.

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# Views AND Reviews

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The first reaction of Colored commentators after reading the speech of FEP Committeeman Mark Ethridge in Birmingham, Alabama, was to rage and rant. This usually happens when creatures like Governors Talmadge and Dixon and like Senators Bilbo and (Cotton Ed) Smith broadcast their Negrophobism. I also became enraged and rushed for my typewriter. But upon sober reflection I am disposed to believe that these fellows are not without their value, to us because they snatch us back from the world of wishful thinking to the realm of reality. There is no sin comparable to over-optimism and self-delusion. Living as we do in the vale of frustration, jim-crowism and insult, a little progress toward our goal is apt to convince us that the millenium is just around the corner, when some Negrophobist blows away the mists of illusion with the hot breath of hate, our first reaction is like that of a dog suddenly deprived of a meatless bone.

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After carefully perusing Mark Ethridge's remarks I must confess that they strike me as being painfully true. We should face the truth boldly and realistically because it is only by admitting and understanding the truth that we are able to fight our battle. Nothing is to be gained by kidding ourselves.

Mark Ethridge is entirely correct when he says in effect that the Executive Order 8802 was not intended to end segregation; that it was not and is not a social document but a war measure designed to assure victory through winning the battle of production, but not intended to disturb the status quo in racial relations. He is likewise correct when he says some Negroes have written a social meaning into it which is contrary to its meaning. Nor does he err when he states that Southern white people have no intention of abandoning the principle of racial segregation, war or no war, Hitler or no Hitler.

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I cannot disagree with Mark Ethridge, quondam Mississippian, when he asserts that the Federal power cannot be invoked to "perform some magic to convert human nature from what it is." The history of this country since Emancipation has amply demonstrated that the Federal power (and the rest of the leading American white folks) does not intend to force the Southern white oligarchy to give colored citizens equal and honest treatment. The Supreme Court (which Mr. Dooley said "always follows the election returns") has blessed and strengthened the institution of jim-crowism. The Congress has refused to implement the Civil War Amendments so as to safeguard the rights granted by these Amendments and give them real meaning. The Executive branch has steadfastly refused through the years to abandon the system of racial segregation which has been further frozen during the "New" Deal and the war period. No one from the President down has promised or even discussed full citizenship equality for Negroes. Nor have the latter refused to accept the broader segregation policy: i. e., Army, Navy, housing, etc.

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As soon as Northern capital had stripped the Southern slaveocracy of its economic and political power, it abandoned the Negro to the defeated and disgruntled Southerners to do with as they chose. Since the Hayes-Tilden 1876 deal, the North has never interfered with the re-enslavement and complete ostracism of the Negro in the South. Worse, it has encouraged the spread of discrimination and segregation in the North. It is clear save to incurable optimists that North and South are agreed on the Negro's "place." Today, all except a "lunatic" fringe accept the jim-crow "solution." Certainly no one is recommending non-cooperation with it.

The South will only accede to the spirit of Executive Order 8802 insofar as this does not threaten the system of bi-racial inequality; and the rest of the country will not force it to do more than it wants to do. Significantly, Congress in passing a welter of laws to speed the war effort, has passed none putting teeth in the President's order "ending" discrimination in war industries. When there is economic equality, social equality cannot be far off, and the South knows it.

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Let us not fool ourselves into believing that a people conditioned by 300 years of white superiority doctrines, laws and institutions is going to willingly and speedily surrender them because of a barrage of denunciations from Negroes and liberal whites, and a few big mass meetings. Whoever believes this woefully misunderstands this country. People like Ethridge, Bilbo, Tom Connally, Rankin, Ellender and their ilk are useful to us because their emotionalism forces them to blurt out publicly what cleverer white leaders are privately thinking and doing. As barometers of Negrophobism they help us to formulate and perfect superior tactics and strategy. Without them we might be lulled into false optimism by the skillful and superficial concessions of shrewd hypocrites who loudly praise the Goddess of Liberty while administering chloroform.

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## THE World TODAY

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

Alabama's Senator John D. Bankhead suggests to Chief of Staff General Marshall that Northern Negro soldiers be quartered in the Northern States only. Knowing that the South is not going to change its attitude toward our soldiers, and that the Federal Government is not going to force it to change, I agree with Senator Bankhead, for once.

OVER A YEAR ago this writer suggested that no Negro soldiers be quartered in Dixie unless they were to be treated right. This was ridiculed by many who naively thought they could pressure Washington into taking sides against Southern customs. Reports received indicate that no changes have occurred. Jim-crow rules and the color caste system prevails, even inside the camps.

Under the circumstances might it not be wiser to station ALL Negro soldiers — Southern and Northern — in camps outside the South? There is plenty of color prejudice and discrimination outside the South, but at least Negro soldiers are not beaten up and humiliated. Senator Bankhead knows that the South is not going to change and that Washington is not going to interfere. Of course, this is compromising with evil, but so, for that matter, is acceptance of jim-crowism in the armed forces.

COMMENTING UPON the Grand Jury whitewash of the Cleo Wright lynchings, St. Louis dailies have called for the enactment of a Federal anti-lynching law by Congress. There should be such a law and there would be one if the Southern members of Congress had not filibustered and fought the bill to a standstill. Nevertheless, it seems time for Walter White to get busy with another bill.

Negro baseball hero Satchel Paige told the Associated Press last week that entry of colored players into major league baseball cannot be worked out successfully because "All the nice statements in the world from both sides aren't going to knock out jim crow." This is a less hopeful statement than any white players or managers have made. It sounds like Mark Ethridge.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has caused rejoicing among government custodians, charwomen, uniformed guards and mechanics, a large proportion of whom are colored. Their minimum wage has been boosted from \$1,020 and \$1,080 a year to \$1,200 for full-time adult workers. Charwomen get five cents more an hour. Guards get a minimum of \$1,500 instead of \$1,200, while mechanics are boosted from \$1,608 to \$1,860 a year. These are long-deserved raises.

In Nassau, Bahamas, last week, the Criminal court sentenced 17 more Negro rioters to terms ranging from 18 months to eight years. The workers demanded a living wage to keep up with the soaring cost of food and clothing, and they resented the fact that alien white workers got as much or more in an hour than they got in a day. The Duke of Windsor flew back from Washington to settle the difficulties. The workers seem to be getting time but no money.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S Judge Eugene S. Blease accuses the N. A. A. C. P. of sending \$8,000 into that State to "control the election." N. A. A. C. P. says it isn't true. Well, it's an idea, anyway. If Southern politicians can swing elections by buying poll-tax receipts, making impoverished citizens eligible to vote, why can't Negro groups do the same?

The idea of separate racial units has now been adopted by the Japanese. A United Press dispatch from Kunming, China, last week reported U.S. soldiers taken prisoner in the Philippines were being used

to build roads on Hainan Island. It said: "The Americans were part of an all-white labor gang." Yes, the Japs are just imitators!

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